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May 26, 1993

The Honorable Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky
United States Senate
1 Presidential Boulevard, Suite 200
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Dear Marjorie:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to President Clinton along with a Resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors concerning the eight (8) superfund sites at NAWC.

Although you are already acting on our behalf regarding realignment of the Base, your assistance and involvement in the cleanup issue is paramount to the Health, Safety & Welfare of all our constituents.

Since the funding aspect of the issue needs to be resolved by the Congress, it is imperative that this aspect be addressed Post Haste.

Please let us know what can be done.

Cordially,

Frank S. Burstein
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the Senior Elected Official in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, I am writing to you regarding our community's plight and concerns about the eight (8) EPA superfund sites located within the boundaries of the Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division (NAWC).

This 800 acre Naval Facility, located in our community of 33,000 residents, is scheduled for realignment to Pautuxent River, MD by 1995-96. However, as you can see by the enclosed resolution passed unanimously by our Township's Governing Body, our concern is the status of potential life threatening contamination on the base, regardless of the eventual outcome of our legal challenges on the pending realignment.

Not only does our community and school system face the loss of \$1 million in earned income tax revenues because of the impending transfer of these workers, but the ability of our Local and County Economic Development Commissions to come up with viable alternative uses for this site are being impeded because the Navy and EPA can't get their act together to delineate a time frame and the ability to access funding for a complete cleanup of this facility.

I, as well as my fellow Board Members and the Public, attended a meeting two (2) weeks ago in which the Navy and EPA updated us as to its interim findings and mitigation proposals concerning the contamination on the site. It is a shame that the Navy would not accept our offer to videotape the proceedings.

We were totally appalled, as to the Navy's and EPA's Professionals inability to even answer basic questions presented to them. Unfortunately, we came away from that meeting with more concerns than answers or acceptable solutions.

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Approximately twelve (12) years ago, after the Navy insisted there was no problem, a number of birth defects appeared in new borns in an area surrounding the base where there were untreated drinking wells. As recently as a few years ago, the Navy was still adamant that no problem existed.

We have not stuck our heads into the sand and are trying our best to come up with alternative uses for the site, if and when the Navy moves out of Warminster.

However, it is becoming more apparent that Warminster Township will be left with an 800 acre site that will not be able to be utilized for any purpose for decades along with a gnawing feeling that the Health, Safety and Well-Being of our Community is in dire straights.

We have communicated these concerns to Senator's Wofford and Specter, Congressman Greenwood and Congresswoman Mezvinsky and I implore you and your administration to help us in this matter.

A letter is difficult to convey our feeling of helplessness and frustration when two (2) Federal Agencies, that are responsible for solving this problem have been stonewalling us at every turn.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet personally with you and your Staff on this matter in Washington, DC.

I know that you are currently travelling around the Nation, conducting Town Meetings, and I would encourage your consideration of holding one in our area.

I thank you in advance for giving this matter your prompt and courteous attention and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,



Frank S. Burstein
Chairman
Warminster Township Board of Supervisors

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ENCL: Resolution 93-13
NAWC Mitigation Proposals 1,2,3

RESOLUTION 93-13

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has been aware of possible contamination at the NAWC facility since 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's first studies were conducted in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1979, the EPA recognized NAWC as a site to be investigated due to regional groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1979, the EPA completed preliminary assessments; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1980, EPA filed a tentative disposition that concluded insufficient evidence to determine that NAWC was a contributing source of groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS, the NAWC site became an official NPL site on October 4, 1989; and

WHEREAS, during this time, the United States Navy has had three environmental engineering firms performing various investigations for contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has determined eight known dumping and /or burning locations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has investigated these eight locations; and

WHEREAS, investigation of the locations where of shallow groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has not committed itself to deep aquifer investigation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has not allocated funding to date for deep aquifer investigation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy held public hearings for the review of a proposed plan for Operable Unit 1 (OP-1); and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy, its contractors and the EPA were unable to answer basic questions submitted with regard to the Navy's intentions to the time table to the extent of the expiration or to funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors supports the presentations made directing the United States Navy to secure the required funding to build and operate the Navy's presentation for Alternate 2 as a minimum.

FURTHER, Warminster Township Board of Supervisors, on behalf of its residents and neighboring communities, demand and require that the EPA protect our communities by following the standard EPA rules and regulations that are applied to any and all civilian contaminators, and require the United States Navy to test the entire property, both East and West of the rock ridge, including in, around and under the buildings located on the westerly side of Jacksonville Road.

FURTHER, that this testing area be not less than a three mile radius from NAWC and if need be, extend that radius in order that safe and healthy conditions will be restored to our community.

FURTHER, it is the demand and requirement of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors that the United States Navy and the EPA conduct the clean up in an expeditious time period without the usual bureaucratic foot dragging.

RESOLVED, the 24th day of May, 1993.

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